



USS SHANGRI-LA
Reunion Association

HORIZON
July 2020

2020 Reunion Canceled

Shipmates &
Friends,

After much consultation and careful consideration the Executive Committee (all Present Officers & Past Presidents) has unanimously voted to postpone the 2020 Myrtle Beach Reunion to 2021, most likely in the Fall. This was not an easy decision, but with the present state of the country we felt we could not risk having people travel to Myrtle Beach and possibly be exposed to Covid-19. The vast majority of our Association members are in the "age risk group". We have also heard from

some members who normally come to reunions that they had decided to pass up the 2020 reunion for these same reasons. A few weeks ago we were still optimistic the reunion would still be able to be held, but in light of the recent spikes in Covid-19 and even more restrictions being put in place by many states that optimism has very much diminished. Unfortunately many other ship reunions have been canceled/postponed for this year, too.

So, who have already made hotel reservations and/or sent in

your registration & money to our reunion planner will be hearing from him personally, very shortly. Certainly we all hope that next year will be different and we will be able to meet in Myrtle Beach.

Bob Hayner,
President

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From the President

Once again AL & Gwen Miller have done a great job of planning, running & overseeing the 2019 Reunion in Warwick, RI. A great time was had by all! Approximately 135 attended. Our Memorial Service was held aboard the USS Massachusetts at Battleship Cove in Fall River, MA, and then proceeded to tour Newport by bus. A beautiful town! We also went to the USS Nautilus, Mystic Seaport Village & Museum, the Navy War College Museum in Newport, RI and had a great cruise around Narragansett Bay, seeing all the light-houses scattered around the bay, along with close up views of Newport harbor. In Newport harbor there were a few "mega-yachts" moored to the piers. One was 225' and had a crew of 25-30! You too can rent it for a week...only \$750K + expenses & tips!!! The Ladies Auxiliary auction dinner was a huge success! Congratulations to Terri W, Cindy F, Cathy H, Debbie C, Patty T, our auctioneer Paul K & all the "spotters" who made it a great night. Our banquet was another great night, and big thanks go to Bob K, our historian, for his input and updates on all things Navy. All in all a great reunion! Next year we will be in Myrtle Beach, SC in late October! See you there! Email List: We continue to update and tweak the email list. There are still some snags with the mailing database. So, if you receive a Horizon via US Mail instead of being notified via email, as you requested, please let me or Bob Ketenheim know. Until the next Horizon....

YISSS, (Yours In Shared Shang Service)

Bob Hayner President/Webmaster

Annual Dues

Annual dues in the amount of \$20 are due. If you haven't already, please send your dues to:

USS Shangri-La Reunion Association
PO Box 1367
Aliquippa, PA 15001

Secretary—Treasurer

The 50/50 raffle at the reunion was \$445, with \$220 going to the winner, a guest of one of our members, and \$225 going to the association. I have a few memorial programs left, if anyone would like one, just let me know. I have a few 2019 rosters for sale, \$6, each, includes postage. Please let me or Bob Hayner know if you have a change of address or a new e-mail. Happy Holidays to everyone, (Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year)

See you next year in Myrtle Beach.

Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer

What a wonderful time we had at the Warwick, RI Reunion. I was glad to see many new attendees. Your generosity at the auction was greatly appreciated. The total for the night was \$284!!

Dues continue to be \$5 per year or \$50 for Lifetime membership.

Debra Clark, Treasurer

P.O. Box 103, Conneautville, PA 16406-0103





Warwick, Rhode Island Reunion

To Our Shipmates and Families:

Thank You all for making our 2019 Warwick, RI Reunion a big success. Thanks to all who helped us with every part of the 'setting/up', 'breaking/down', 'organizing', and so many other things that make the reunion come off as planned.

Most especially Thanks so much to the ladies Fund Raiser Auction once again. Thank you all who brought and donated items for the auction. And last but, certainly not least, thank you to Captain Paul for once again being our professional auctioneer and making the whole affair fun!

Thank You also of course to Bob Ketenheim for being our 'Last Minute' Speaker and telling us so much interesting Shangri-La history and anecdotes that most of us had no idea. I hope you will make this an annual event Bob. Very

enjoyable and enlightening!

Thank You also Bob K. for once again, as always, hauling your trailer and bring the 'Shangri-La' model and cruise books, and pictures, etc.....all which add to the huge success of a great Hospitality Room, without which it just wouldn't seem the same.

Thank You All who chose to bring your uniforms along ... it really adds a wonderful patriotic feeling to our events. We strongly encourage more folks to do this and remember that next years event is over Halloween so a perfect time for all to dress up.

We had good and not-so good feed/back and promise to address/adjust as necessary for future reunions. Thank you to all for your thoughts.

Thank You to Carroll Moore for sharing with us....in true Ken Reightler tradi-

tion.....and even encouraging successfully a group sing-along which personally I hope becomes an annual tradition. Thanks Carroll....Well Done!!

I feel the Crowne Plaza did a great job taking care of us all and our daily needs and they also deserve a Well Done!! Thank You!

Finally, looking forward to seeing all of Thanks for your support and have a great remaining 2019. We hope to see you all in South Carolina, Al and Gwen Miller





SHIP'S STORE

New items in the store are: black T-Shirts for the men, V-Neck shirts for the Ladies and Flag Beach Towels. Sales were good! Thanks to all who shopped.

Suggestions for future items were: Red T-shirts, Henley in navy blue, long sleeved T-shirt in navy and shirts with T-wick or wet/dry material.

Other item was license plate holder. Minimum order in plastic is 200. Metal ones would be \$15-\$20.

Please let me know your preference on these or any other suggestions.

Debra Clark



NEW ITEM Covid Face Mask

Face masks are adjustable behind the ear, navy with **USS SHANGRI-LA CV- CVA- CVS** and ship silhouette. They are washable and antibacterial. \$7 each includes postage.

(Masks are not yet on the ship's store order form. Order directly from Debra Clark at address below.)

Debra Clark,
Store Manager
Shang38store@hotmail.com
814-587-2122
P.O. Box 103
Conneautville, PA 16406-0103

**BOOKS**

Recent books about SHANGRI-LA

FLYING FEARLESSLY by Kathleen Shelby Boyett

FLYING FEARLESSLY by Kathleen S. Boyett tells the story of John H. Moore, a Naval aviator aboard USS SHANGRI-LA during World War II. John flew Corsairs with Fighter Squadron 85, the Sky Pirates, as they attacked Okinawa and the Japanese Homeland during the closing days of the war.

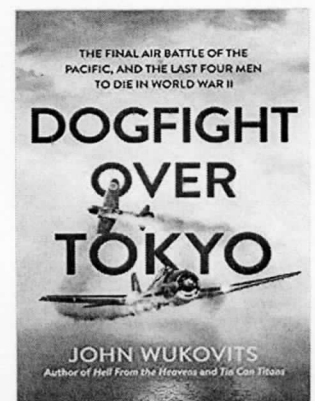
John remained in the Naval Reserve and retired as a Lieutenant Commander. He is a member of the USS SHANGRI-LA Reunion Association and he resides in North Carolina.

The book is available in paperback on Amazon.

**DOGFIGHT OVER TOKYO** by John Wukovits

DOGFIGHT OVER TOKYO by John Wukovits covers the last days of World War II and the dogfight that took place over Japan on August 15, 1945, the day the war ended.

The book focuses on pilots in Fighter Squadron 88 aboard YORKTOWN. YORKTOWN and SHANGRI-LA were in the same task group therefore a lot of the story includes SHANGRI-LA, including the daring water rescue of Lt(jg) John H. Moore of SHANGRI-LA's VF-85.

**SETTING THE RISING SUN** by Kevin A. Mahoney

SETTING THE RISING SUN by Kevin A. Mahoney tells the story of the relentless pounding of the Japanese Homeland by U.S. Navy carrier aircraft during the summer of 1945. Navy flyers struck airfields, shipping, factories, and railways. The attacks were aimed at reducing Japan's ability to resist the planned invasion of the mainland. SHANGRI-LA was the flagship of Task Force 38 therefore her Air Group 85 is very prominent throughout the book.

The book is available in hardback, e-book, and audiobook on Amazon.





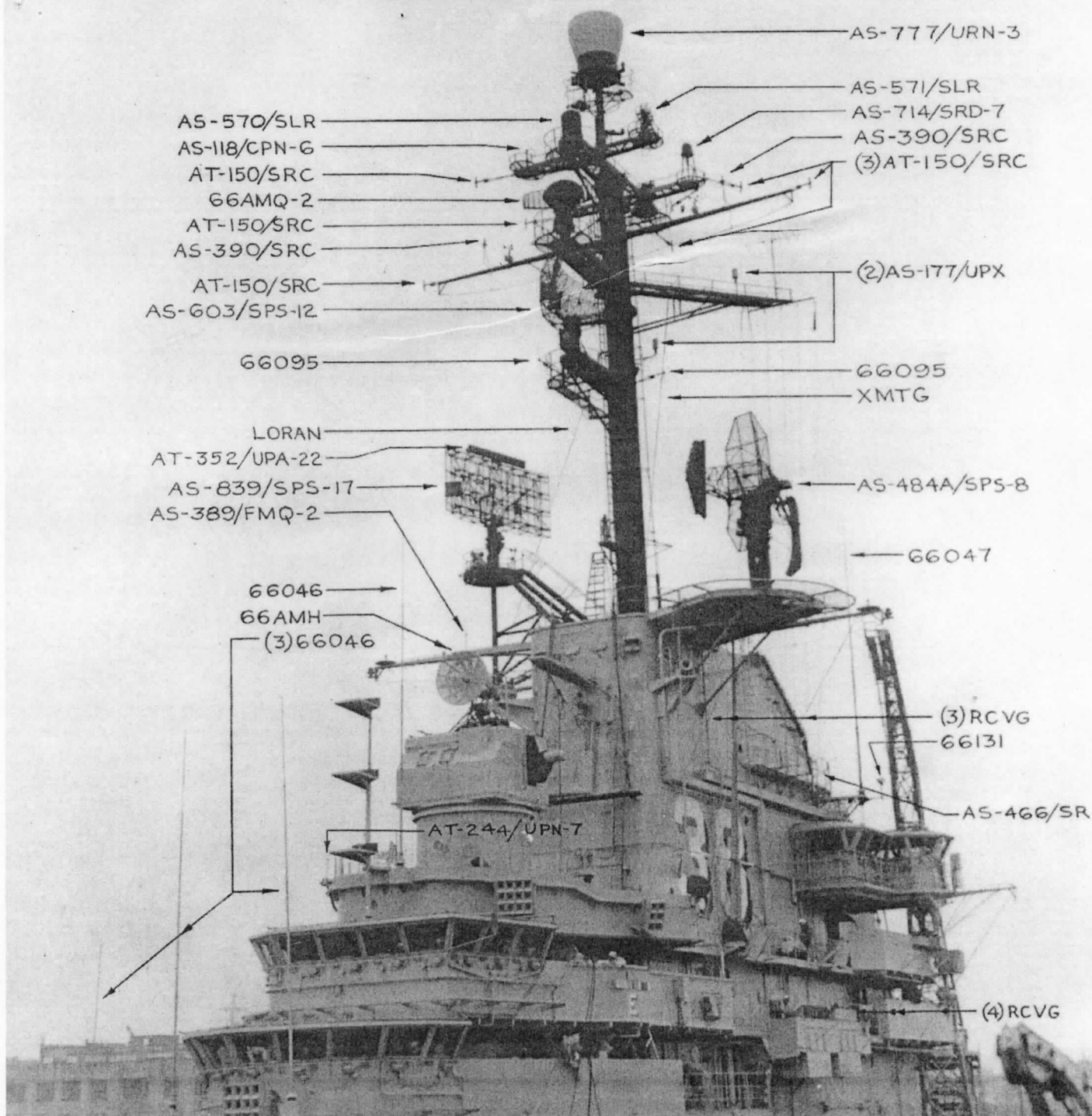
Taps List

Bolinsky, Seymour "Sy" S., Onboard: Early 1950's, DOD: 20 November 2019
Buerklin, Paul, CR Div, Onboard: 1967-69, DOD: 10 July 2012
Clopton, Rex Lynn, Air Dept., Onboard: Mid 1950's, DOD: 23 February 2020
Collins, Marion W. "Sonny", Storekeeper, Onboard: Late 60's-early 70's, DOD: 20 March 2020
*Conley, James Keith SK3/c, S Div, Onboard: 1970-71, DOD: 27 September 2017
Englehart, Bob, No other information available, DOD: Unknown
Flood, Jack, ABFAN, V-4 Div, Onboard: 1963-65, DOD: 2005
Flynn, Cornelius "Connie" J. Jr., Radarman, Onboard: 1961, DOD: 12 March 2020
Gardell, William "Bill", CR Div, Onboard: Late 1960's, DOD: 27 September 2018
Hill, Ronald C., Onboard: 1964-1965, DOD: 7 November 2019
Holland, Charles D., Onboard: probably early 1960's, DOD: 1 April 2020
*LaLone, Dean, S2/c, R-3 Div, Onboard: 1946-47, DOD: 5 June 2020
Lorenson, Charles "Chuck", Onboard: early 1950's, DOD: 24 June 2020
Meaker, Willard G., AS2/c, Onboard for Bikini Atomic Tests, DOD: 14 November 2005
*Mace, Tom, BM3/c, Onboard: 1962-66, DOD: 22 January 2020
*MacKay, Karen, Wife of Ass'n member Allan MacKay, DOD: 14 December 2019
*Madden, William ABH3/c, Onboard: 1962-66, DOD: 9 May 2020
*Mitchell, LT(jg). Maynard "Mitch" J., Pilot VB-85 WWII, Silver Star, DOD: 1 November 2019
Patterson, George Onboard: WWII, DOD: 23 July 2020
Rennie, CDR William, Onboard: Mid 1960's, DOD: 19 April 2005
Robinson, Jimmie, "JJ", RM2/c, Onboard: 1965-69, DOD: 20 January 2020
Sewing, John, Petty Officer 2/c, Onboard: 1960 to 1964, DOD: 6 August 2012
Sherry, Paul III, Onboard last 1970's, DOD: 21 September 2019
Strom, Clarence Robert (Bob) Onboard: 1950's, DOD: 22 March 2020
Vertichio, Joseph, Air Dept, Onboard: early 1950's, DOD: 29 June 2020
Welch, CDR. Clyde Ray "Tex" Onboard: Mid 1950's, DOD: 26 October 1966
*Wheaton, Paul, Onboard: 1962-64, DOD: 27 November 2019

*Association Member



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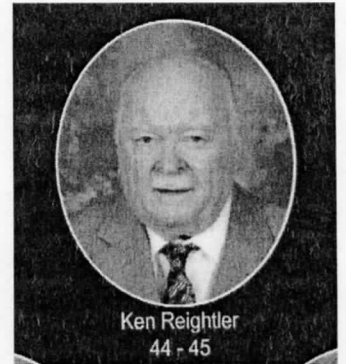
NSH2474 PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIPYARD 21 OCT 1957
USS SHANGRI-LA (CVA38) RADIO/RADAR ANTENNA ARRANGEMENT & RIGGING -
PORT VIEW (315°)

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH, NOT TO BE RELEASED FOR PUBLICATION

This 1957 photo shows the numerous electronic antennas on SHANGRI-LA's island. Additional radio antennas were located in the catwalks along the flight deck.



This is a story written by our late shipmate Ken Reightler:



This story could be entitled "Elevator Error" or "Compaction" but then it would have a semblance of being humorous, which it is not. So, I will call it "Beavers' Dilemma." One day in August 1945, while the task group was cruising off the coast of Japan, a group of us Airedales were lazing around on the flight deck waiting for the planes to return from whatever sortie the air group was on.

Except for the fact that we were at war, it was a beautiful day. While we were shooting the breeze, we thought we heard something beside the usually flight deck clatter. We were so used to noise, that we ignored it. All of a sudden Don Golden from the V2F gang came up to us screaming, "Where's the wrench?!!, Where's the wrench?!!!"

We finally figured out he was talking about the big T-handled wrench used for undogging the big bomb elevator doors on the flight deck. These elevators were used for hoisting bombs and ammunition up from the mess deck spaces. The doors were big and heavy with straight slotted hold-down screws. Some of us knew that the wrench was stashed on the side of the island, so we hauled butt up there, got it, and started undoing the screws. It seemed like we would never get them all done. It did not help that the V2F guys were jabbering about a guy being under there.

We finally raised the door, not knowing what we would find. We saw a man lying on top of a bunch of crushed cardboard boxes, his left arm, I believe, was pulled down and we thought it was broken.

By that time a corpsman had arrived and guided us in turning him over very gently. I could not believe the look on his face. His eyes were blood red and he had little blood blisters all over. He was awake and somewhat aware of what was going on. He was a purplish blue color as well and we figured most of his condition was due to the pressure of being forced against the bottom of the flight deck door.

When we finally got him on his way to Sick Bay, Don Golden explained what happened. They were sending up a bunch of drop tank sway braces. These were in the cardboard boxes under the man, who it turned out to be Hulén Beavers, AMM2c. It was somebody's bright idea to send Beavers up on the elevator, which was supposed to stop at the hangar deck level. You guessed it, a bunch of Airedales were pushing buttons when they had no idea what they were doing.

The bomb elevator had a light system that showed the level that the elevator was. When the elevator did not stop at the hangar deck, Golden knew they were in deep doo-doo and nothing they tried would stop or reverse the elevator. The noise we heard was Beavers screaming right under us. In my opinion, if it had not been for the airspace in the cardboard boxes he was on lying on, Beavers would've been crushed to death. Beavers survived with a damaged arm and blood vessels popped. The late Hulén Beavers lived in the Las Vegas area, was an Association member, and attended several reunions.



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SUBJECT:

CAPTION:

INFLATABLE CRASH EQUIP.
INFLATED UNDER WINGS OF
F4U, ABOARD USS SHANGRI-
LA (CVA-38) AT SEA.

RELEASED
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Date 7/19/72

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LOCATION:

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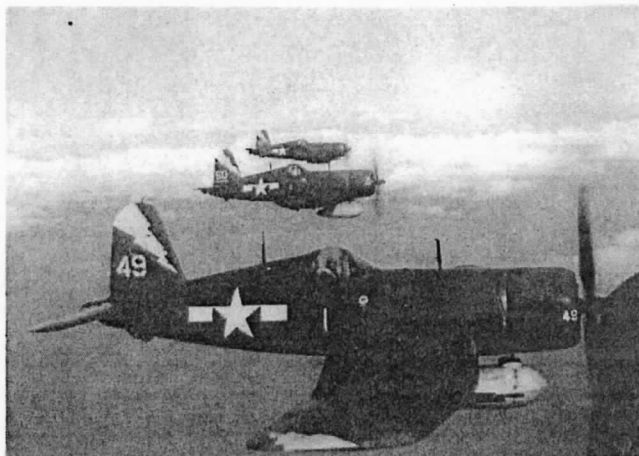
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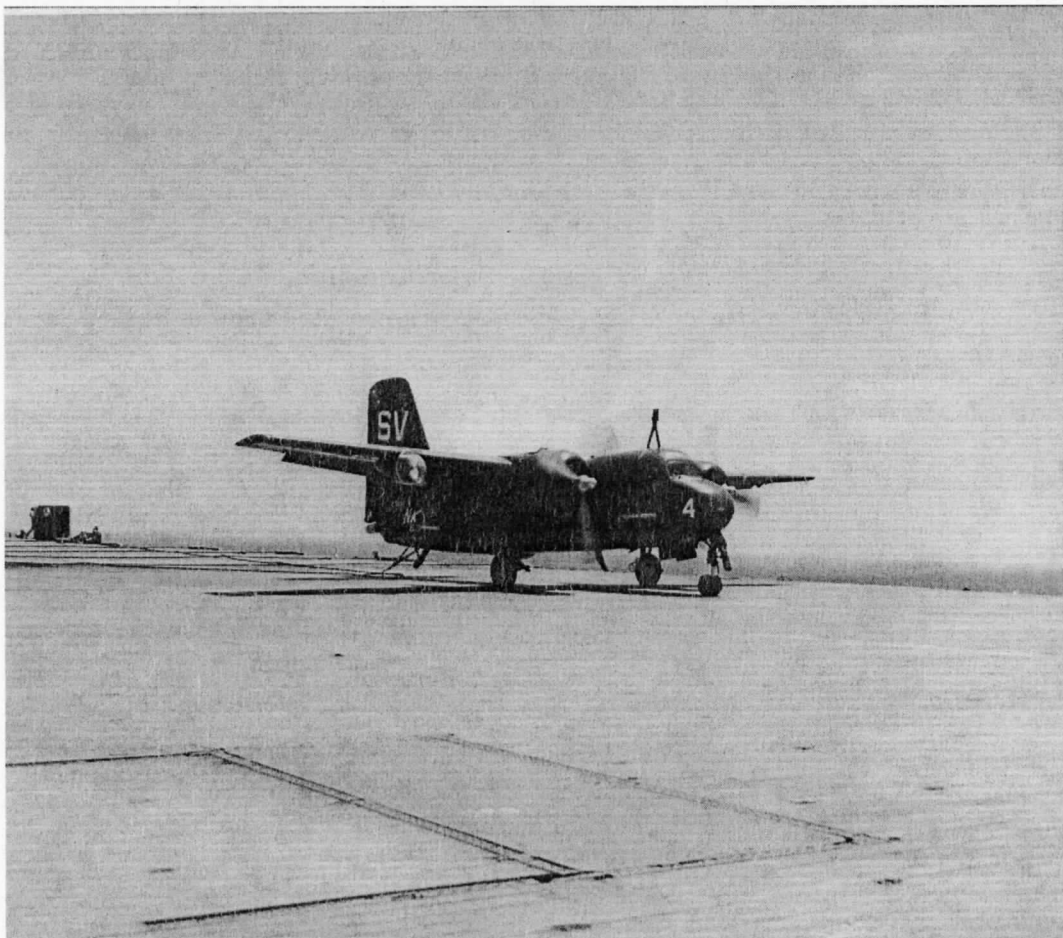
Above: This is most likely the last Corsair to be aboard SHANGRI-LA. This Corsair wreck was used to train the ship's crash and salvage team in the proper use of inflatable air bags. SHANGRI-LA had been recommissioned six months prior to this photo after over two years in the Puget Sound Naval Ship Yard when the angled deck was installed.



Left: This formation of VF-85 Corsairs carry Air Group 85's lightning bolt marking on the tail and upper side of the right wing. The marking was used to help pilots join-up with other aircraft in their air group. The lightning bolt was carried by SHANGRI-LA's aircraft until the end of July 1945 when the marking was changed to the letter Z.



Cdr. Wallace A. Sherrill, Commander Air Group 85, making the first landing aboard SHANGRI-LA on October 15, 1944 in a TBM-3 Avenger in the Chesapeake Bay.



On May 16, 1955, with Captain Roscoe L. Newman, SHANGRI-LA's commanding officer, in the co-pilot's seat, this twin engine S2F of VS-20 made the first landing aboard SHANGRI-LA after the installation of the angled deck.

USS SHANGRI-LA AUXILIARY SHIP'S STORE 10/2019

NAME

ADD

E-MAIL

PHONE

TOTAL

PRICE

ITEM DESCRIPTION CHECK OR CIRCLE SIZE/COLOR

- \$4 BUMPER STICKER____ OR BUMPER MAGNET____ 3"X11"
- \$5 DECAL LOGO --INSIDE WINDOW 3'
- \$3 LUGGAGE TAG --- EMBROIDERED
- 4/\$ POSTCARDS B/W CV38
- \$5 PATCH-- LOGO EMBROIDERED 4"
- \$3 SLATE COASTER --- LOGO
- \$4 ROCKER PATCH-- USS SHANGRI-LA EMBROIDERED
- \$6 TIE OR HAT PIN-- LOGO
- \$15 VIET NAM BRACELTE--- WOVEN
- \$15 TOTE, DOCUMENT, CANVAS 15 1/2" X 15 1/2" EMBROIDERED NAVY____ OR WHITE____
- \$17 TOTE, SIDE POCKET, CANVAS 12"H X 12"W X 6 1/2" D, STONE____ OR LT. BLUE____
- \$20 FLAG BEACH TOWEL, EMBROIDERED: USS SHANGRI-LA
- \$15 VISOR, CLOTH, EMBROIDERED, VELCRO NAVY____ OR WHITE____
- \$14 BALL CAP, NAVY, EMBROIDERED, CLOTH, ADJUSTABLE LOW PROFILE
- \$14 BALL CAP, NAVY, EMBROIDERED, CLOTH, ADJUSTABLE CV____ CVA____ CVS____
- \$24 HENLEY, 2 BUTTON, EMBROIDERED S____ M____ L____ XL____
- \$26 2XL____ 3XL____ MAROON____ OR LIGHT BLUE____
- \$14 T-SHIRT W/POCKET, LOGO, NAVY____ WHITE____ BLACK____ S____ M____ L____ XL____
- \$16 SAME IN 2XL____ 3XL____
- \$29 GOLF SHIRT W/POCKET, EMBROIDERED NAVY____ WHITE____ S____ M____ L____ XL____
- \$31 SAME IN 2XL____ 3XL____
- \$36 JACKET LT. WT. NYLON, LINED, EMBROIDERED NAVY S____ N____ L____ XL____
- \$38 SAME IN 2XL____ 3XL____
- \$51 TEAM JACKET W/HOOD, NYLON W/FLEECE LINING, EMBROIDERED S____ M____ L____ XL____
- \$53 SAME IN 2XL____ 3XL____
- \$27 MEN'S DENIM, LONG SLEEVE W/POCKET, EMBROIDERED, LT BLUE S____ M____ L____ XL____
- \$29 SAME IN 2XL____ 3XL____
- \$18 LADIES V-NECK, EMB: CARIBBEAN BLUE____, GREY____, HOT PINK____, NAVY____, WHITE____
- \$22 3XL____ BRIGHT PINK____, HEATHER GREY____, NAVY____, ROYAL BLUE____
- \$11 LADIES T-SHIRT, EMBROIDERED LT. PINK__ DK. PINK__ LT. BLUE__ S__ M__ L__ XL__ 2XL__ 3XL__
- \$27 LADIES DENIM LONG SLEEVE, EMBROIDERED LT. BLUE S____ M____ L____ XL____
- \$29 SAME IN 2XL____ 3XL____
- \$45 LADIES NYLON JACKET W/ROLL UP HOOD, NAVY/GREY S____ M____ L____ XL____
- \$48 SAME IN 2XL____ 3XL____

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\$1-\$25=\$6 \$26-\$70=\$9 \$70-\$100=\$12 OVER \$100=\$15

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USS SHANGRI-LA AUXILIARY, C/O DEBRA CLARK, PO BOX 103, CONNEAUTVILLE, PA 16406-0103

TOTAL COST

E-MAIL QUESTIONS TO: SHANG38STORE@HOTMAIL.COM



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P.O. Box 1367

Aliquippa, PA 15001

A black and white photograph of the USS Shangri-La (CVA 38) at sea. The ship's hull number "38" is visible on the side. The image is partially obscured by text on the right side.

**USS SHANGRI-LA CVA 38
REUNION ASSOCIATION**